

Author Visits with Sophia Gholz



About the Author

Sophia Gholz is an award-winning author of critically acclaimed books for young readers. Her accolades include a Florida State Book Award Gold Medal, a Eureka! Nonfiction Honor, a Green Earth Honor and more. Sophia has presented in-person and virtually to schools around the country. Sophia's books include the following themes: STEM, social studies, environmentalism, art, inclusivity, friendship, and empowerment. Her exciting school presentations not only engage readers, but easily tie in with the K-5 elementary curriculum.



To inquire about available dates or programming, email:
sophia@sophiagholtz.com

New Presentations for 2022-2023

Interactive Story Time

20-25 minutes, Grades K-2

Perfect for younger audiences. Author Sophia Gholz leads an engaging story time as she reads one of her picture books and discusses what it means to be an author. The story time will be followed by a brief Q&A.

Big Dreams, Everyday Heroes, and The Power of One

45 minutes, Grades 1-5

In this presentation, author Sophia Gholz discusses the importance of everyday heroes, big dreams, and the power everyone has to make a positive impact in the world. This uplifting presentation features a reading of one of Sophia's books and includes a 10–15-minute Q&A.

From Start to Finish: Making a Book

45 minutes, Grades 3-5

Join author Sophia Gholz as she presents the journey of a book from idea to print. In this engaging presentation, Sophia discusses her publishing experience, shares an early book draft, real editorial notes, revision tips, early art sketches and details about the publishing process. This presentation includes an author Q&A.

Author's Journey

30-45 minutes, Grades 1-5

Author Sophia Gholz presents her journey as an author, from childhood to publishing her first book. In this presentation, Sophia discusses what it means to be an author, the importance of hard work, and following your dreams. This is a 25–30-minute presentation, followed by an author Q&A.

*** Do you have a different age group, time frame, or theme in mind? Sophia is a flexible presenter and happy to work with you to meet your needs. All presentations are customizable. Just email Sophia with your request at: sophia@sophiagholtz.com**

Testimonials:

"I can't tell you how much the kids and I enjoyed this!" – Kirsten Roberg, 3rd grade teacher, Cocksackie Elementary School, New York

"This has inspired my class to write their own books now!" – Talethea Love, 2nd grade teacher, North Jackson Elementary School, Georgia

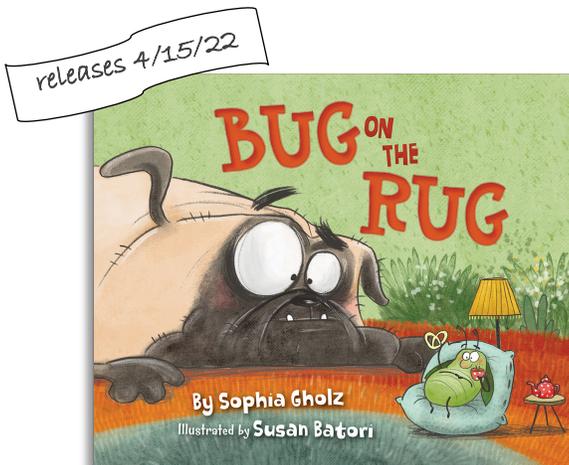
"Sophia was easy to work with and wonderful to have at our school!" – KK Cherney, Media Specialist, Chets Creek, Florida

"Thanks for reading to my son's class today! He came home so excited and is now writing his own book!" – Jasmine H., 2nd grade parent

New Releases

*For full book descriptions or press, news, and reviews, visit:

www.sophiagholz.com/books



Bug on the Rug

Pug is snug on his rug. But what happens when along comes BUG?! The two engage in a hysterical, rhyming battle of wits and strength until Slug asks the necessary questions and helps them find common ground. Rhyming is an important developmental reading skill that helps young readers infer content. This epic read aloud is a fun story that helps build those skills.

Target ages 3-7

ISBN-13: 9781534111479



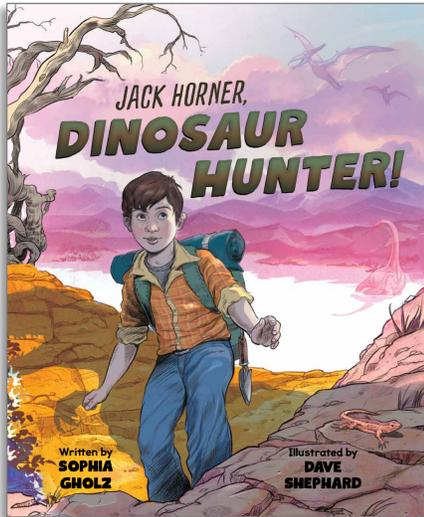
A History of Toilet Paper (And Other Potty Tools)

People have been going potty since, well, since the beginning of people! Ever wonder what humans used before potties or paper? You might be surprised at the clever tools that humans came up with over the centuries. Enjoy a humorous spin on the fun and fascinating facts surrounding the history of toilet paper (and other potty tools) in this delightful book.

Target ages 4-9, **also available in Dutch & Mandarin*

ISBN-13: 9780762475551

More Books

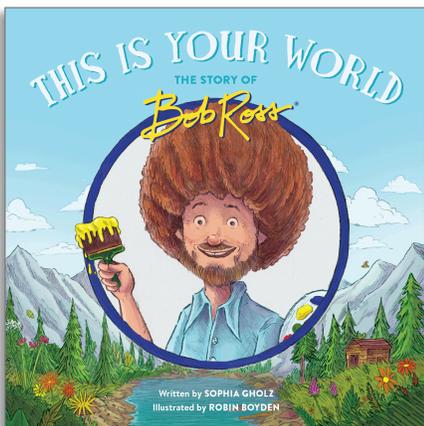


Jack Horner, Dinosaur Hunter!

When Jack Horner was a child, nothing fascinated him more than fossils. Dinosaur fossils to be exact. He hunted for them at every chance he had and dreamed of becoming a paleontologist. But school was hard and due to dyslexia, reading was even harder, and Jack struggled to succeed like the other kids in his classes. Still, he persevered and found his own way to success, becoming one of the world's most famous paleontologists.

Target ages 6-9

ISBN-13: 9781534111196

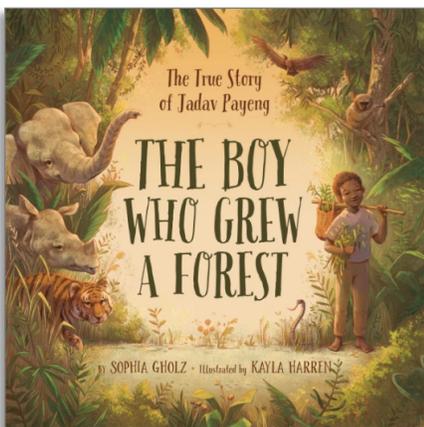


This is Your World: The Story of Bob Ross

Bob Ross continues to inspire young and old alike with his public television painting program, "The Joy of Painting," almost 30 years after the show went off the air. Bob Ross fell in love with painting and wanted to inspire others to find joy in their happy accidents. Follow his footsteps toward becoming a TV painter icon in this delightful and reverent picture book biography of a gentle soul who loved painting and teaching others how to paint too.

Target ages 4-8

ISBN-13: 9780762473564



The Boy Who Grew a Forest: The True Story of Jadav Payeng

As a boy, Jadav Payeng was distressed by the destruction deforestation and erosion was causing on his island home in India's Brahmaputra River. So, he began planting trees. What began as a small thicket of bamboo, grew over the years into 1,300-acre forest filled with native plants and animals. *The Boy Who Grew a Forest* tells the inspiring true story of Payeng--and reminds us of the difference a single person with a big idea can make.

Target ages 3-8, **also available in French and German*

ISBN-13: 9781534110243

Here's a Checklist to Help Prepare for Your Author Visit:

- Please confirm your booking by returning the signed agreement. Make sure to include any paperwork for Sophia (W-9s, background checks, etc).
- Set aside a space that will accommodate your group and allow children to see clearly up front. For more than one class, media centers and cafeterias make wonderful spaces.
- Presentations include slides. Please make sure the room is equipped with a large screen, projector, and a microphone.
- Teachers are welcome to attend! If, however, they are unable to attend, at least one adult school representative must be present for the entire presentation to oversee students.
- It's best to leave at least 10 minutes between presentations if multiple presentations are scheduled.
- Create hype! A great way to ensure a successful author visit for all is to create excitement prior to the visit. Here are a few ways to build the buzz:
 - Send home flyers and book order forms weeks prior to the visit
 - Have students visit the author's website and read online interviews to learn more about the Sophia
 - Watch the book trailers available on Sophia's YouTube channel and website
 - Display posters around the campus
 - Teachers can utilize the FREE curriculum guides for Sophia's books by downloading them from her website here: <https://www.sophiagholtz.com/teacher-guide>

Book Ordering and Autographed Book Options:

If students order books prior to the school visit, they may have them autographed by the author. There are different ways to organize book purchases, and Sophia is here to help make the process as easy as possible for all! Please note: Sophia does not directly sell her own books and will not have books available to purchase on the day of her visit.

- 1) **Order through a local bookstore or distributor of your choice.** Contact your favorite local bookstore or supplier to discuss ordering options. Local bookstores usually help with creating an order form and delivering books to the school. Just supply the ISBNs and the number of books you'd like to order to your favorite bookstore or book supplier.
- 2) **Order from Sophia's hometown bookstore.** The Writer's Block will accept book orders either before or after an author visit with Sophia and ship the books directly to you. Discounts may also be available for large orders. *Please be very clear about the autograph requests when placing your order. Simply call or email The Writer's Block and ask for Lisa Harris to discuss your options: info@writersblockbookstore.com or (407) 335-4192.

3) **Schools may choose to order directly from the publishers.** A publisher will often offer a discount for large school orders, which makes a nice opportunity for school fundraising. About 5-7 weeks in advance of school visits, send home flyers and book order forms with the students. Don't forget frequent reminders! 😊 Then call the publishers listed below to place orders and mention you're having the author visit your school. Schools may then choose to share the discount with students or use the profit to raise funds.

* It's helpful to select a volunteer or staff member that will oversee organizing book orders. Please factor in possible shipping delays and order in advance if you'd like books prior to the author visit.

Publisher Contact Information for Direct Orders:

Sleeping Bear Press (*The Boy Who Grew a Forest, Dinosaur Hunter, Bug on the Rug*):

1-800-487-2323 or customerservice@sleepingbearpress.com

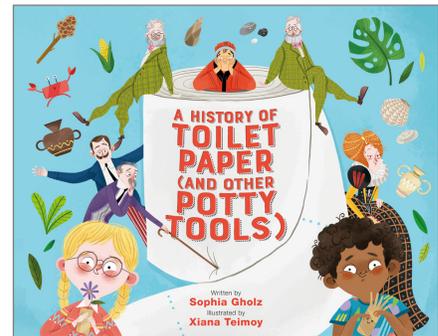
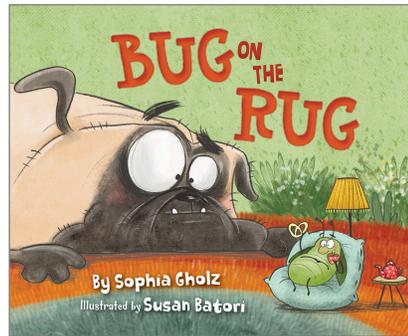
Running Press Kids / Hachette (*This is Your World, A History of Toilet Paper*):

1-800-759-0190 or special.markets@hbgusa.com

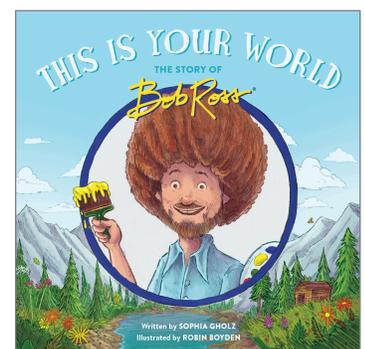
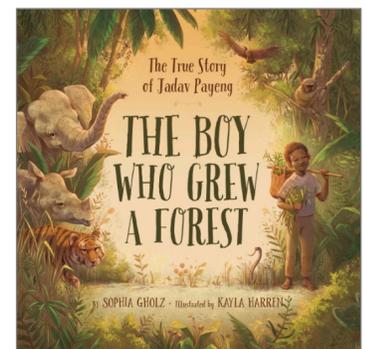
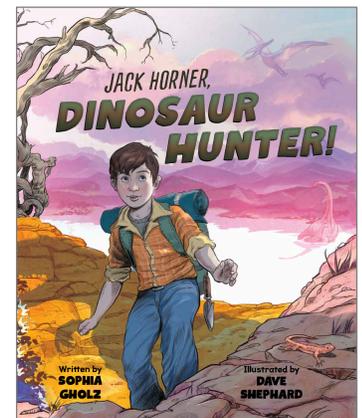
Sample Book Order Forms and Flyers are included in this packet. If you'd like to create your own posters or flyers, high resolution images are available upon request

Have more questions? Just ask! Email: sophia@sophiagholtz.com

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To learn more about Sophia, visit: at www.sophiagholtz.com

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This is Your World				
The Boy Who Grew a Forest				

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